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TATION REPORT (SIR) FOR 1977

REFS: A) VIENNA 4619; B) VIENNA 4663; C) 77 STATE 134398

1. AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL A OPPORTUNITY SHOULD BE USED
DURING JUNE BOARD TO COMMENT ON SIR. RECOGNITION SHOULD BE
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GIVEN BY USDEL TO FACT THAT SECRETARIAT IS PREPARING THE
SIR IN AN EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN THE CREDIBILITY OF AGENCY
SAFEGUARDS. INFORMATION IN THE FIRST PART ON AGENCY PRO-
GRESS SHOULD BE COMMENDED. THE NEED FOR CONTINUED PROGRESS
SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT
AGENCY VERIFICATION ACTIVITIES WERE INCOMPLETE IN ELEVEN
STATES, INCLUDING SEVEN OF THE NINE STATES WITH EXTENSIVE

NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES (CATEGORY A).

2. SINCE RECENTLY RECEIVED COPIES OF SIR ARE NOW BEING GIVEN DETAILED INTERAGENCY REVIEW HERE, AND BECAUSE SECOND PART OF SIR IS NOT YET AVAILABLE, USDEL SHOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT DETAILED SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF SIR TAKE PLACE DURING SEPTEMBER BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING.

3. IN ADDITION, DEL MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING POINTS, AT ITS DISCRETION, OR MISSION SHOULD MAKE THEM IN CONSULTATIONS WITH IAEA STAFF AND APPROPRIATE DELEGATIONS:

A. AVAILABLE PART OF 1977 SIR APPEARS TO BE ABBREVIATED (22 PAGES AS COMPARED TO 40 PAGES) FROM 1976 SSIR.

B. SOONEST POSSIBLE, THE SECOND PART OF THE SUBJECT SIR REPORT, CONTAINING THE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEEDED DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS BE COMPLETED AND CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS IN ORDER THAT GOVERNMENTS WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO STUDY AND PREPARE THEIR POSITIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. MISSION SHOULD ENCOURAGE SECRETARIAT TO AGAIN MAKE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF BOARD THE SUPPORTING DETAILS ON A SAFEGUARDS CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AS WAS DONE LAST YEAR.

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C. RE PARA 6, REFTTEL A, WE SHOULD STRONGLY URGE THAT IN ITS SAFEGUARDS ACTIVITIES IAEA CONTINUE AND INCREASE ITS EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE QUALITATIVE FACTORS IN SAFEGUARDS CONCLUSIONS. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF CONCLUSIONS HAVE BEEN DECREASED IN RECENT PAST, FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IS REQUIRED. WE WOULD LIKE MORE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF AGENCY MEANING OF QUALITATIVE FACTORS: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME ASPECTS, E.G., EXTENSIVE INSPECTOR PRESENCE, MIGHT HAVE QUANTITATIVE VALIDITY.

D. PART I OF SIR DOES NOT REPEAT THE STATEMENT IN THE 1976 SSIR IN WHICH THE DG PROPOSED THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE HIM TO ADDRESS A COMMUNICATION CONVEYING THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STATES CONCERNED. THE U.S. CONSIDERS THIS FORM OF DIRECT AND SPECIFIC COMMUNICATION TO BE AN APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE WAY OF ACCOMPLISHING NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS IMPROVEMENTS AND DEL SHOULD ENCOURAGE AND STRESS ITS USE IN THE FUTURE.

E. FINALLY, ASSURE THAT US IS PREPARED TO HELP THE AGENCY AND CONCERNED MEMBER STATES WITH TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND TRAINING DIRECTED TOWARD ELIMINATING PROBLEMS.

ALTHOUGH SOME DETAILED INFORMATION ON PROBLEMS WAS REPORTED
FOR 1976, IN THE PREVIOUS SSIR, SIMILAR INFORMATION IS
NOT YET AVAILABLE FOR THE YEAR 1977. CHRISTOPHER

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